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SUBJECT: R/V WESTERN VIKING CLEARANCE REQUEST, 15 JUNE -
20 JULY 1978

REF: (A) STATE 125276 (B) MOSCOW 11706

1. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT SUBJECT CLEARANCE REQUEST
MAY BE DENIED BY SOVIETS. CLEARANCE DENIAL WILL RESULT
IN NMFS DECISION TO EITHER COMPLETELY CANCEL CRUISE AND
STAY BEYOND 200 MILES OR TO CONDUCT RESEARCH BEYOND 3
MILES, 12 MILES, OR SOME OTHER DISTANCE OFF THE SOVIET
COAST WHICH IS CONSIDERED TO BE SAFE. DEPT WILL HAVE TO
ADVISE NMFS ON BASIS FOR DENIAL AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE
THEM WITH SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON SOVIET PERCEPTION OF
JURISDICTION WITHIN THEIR 200 MILE ZONE, IF ANY.
SPECIFICALLY WE WILL HAVE TO KNOW IF IT INCLUDES MARINE
MAMMAL RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, FISHERIES RESEARCH
AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE JURISDICTION APPLIES. FOR
EXAMPLE, THIS PARTICULAR CRUISE JUST INVOLVES OBSERVING
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MARINE MAMMALS AND TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS; THEREFORE, WOULD
THE SOVIETS CLAIM JURISDICTION OVER THIS ACTIVITY?

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE STATUS OF CLEARANCE
REQUEST AND REPORT IMMEDIATELY IF INFO WILL BE USEFUL FOR

PLANNING BY VESSEL OPERATORS. QUERIES SHOULD NOT BE

ADDRESSED TO SOVIETS REGARDING STATUS OF 200 ZONE UNTIL
COMPLETION OF CLEARANCE REQUEST PROCESSING. EVEN AT THAT
POINT EMBASSY MAY DECIDE THAT INFORMAL QUESTIONING MAY BE
BEST APPROACH. VANCE

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